



Attorney Docket No. 56,378 (70904)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS    M. Hamamoto, et al.    EXAMINER:    Rodriguez, Glenda P.  
U.S.S.N.:    09/925,907    GROUP:    2651  
FILED:    August 9, 2001    Conf. No.    4511  
FOR:    MAGNETIC SIGNAL RECORDING METHOD AND MAGNETIC  
RECORDING-REPRODUCING APPARATUS

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WHEN FILING RCE**

Sir:

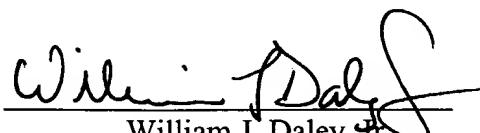
Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in connection with the above identified application.

Applicants, however, do not believe an Extension of Time is required to maintain pendency of the subject application in that Applicants have not received an Advisory Action in the above-identified application since the filing of the Response on November 9, 2004. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required so the document(s) concurrently filed herewith are considered by the Examiner. If such a petition is required, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for any required fee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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